

St Bend

Nov 25 - 1883

Dear Aunt Mary

I thought I should write you long before this, but we have been repairing the house and I have made 40 yds of Carpet this with my knitting has kept me pretty busy. we have six in the family all the time, I think back of the big sack of socks you used to have for Uncle Joseph and I wonder how you got them all knit. I am purling a quilt too, I wonder if Sarah makes as many as ever, mother & father were very glad to hear from you by your letter to me, they did not know that you had any trial last winter, Pa would have come down there, they live all alone and feel pretty lonely too, I don't get up



then very often, for I have so  
many cares, and now I am  
getting ready for the winter and  
it takes a good deal first away  
in the cellar to keep us all winter,  
and we have to buy all we have,  
Butter at 28 cts by the tub, Potatoes  
10 cts per bush, Eggs 30 cts per doz. and  
meat is very high, our house rent is  
\$12.00 per month and no garden as  
I am, have you got every thing ready  
for winter, do you burn wood or  
coal, do you raise your own vegetables,  
and have you chickens and eggs  
to sell, Prophets say it will be a  
mild winter and I hope so for  
I dread the cold, now I hope you  
will write me all you are doing and  
how you and Sarah are, and if  
any thing happens this winter  
that you want me to come down  
don't be afraid to say so and I  
will come, if either of you get sick  
let me know, Sincerely Yours,  
Alice Sophia Simrell,



your letter did not get mailed  
yesterday so I will add a little  
more, I had a letter from Ma  
this morning saying Pa came  
home from Church with a severe  
pain in his lungs, she would  
let me know if he got any worse,  
we are going to have company  
tomorrow. I am giving ~~at~~  
I would go up then. we are going  
to have Chicken pie for dinner  
for one thing what are you going  
to have, I hope to hear from  
you soon that you are well

Mrs W W Smell,